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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ACTION ITEM MARCH 2, 2017

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT – COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS AND CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION FOR INNOVATION COMPONENT AND CALMHSA FUND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BOARD LETTER

California's Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), was approved by California voters in November 2004 and became effective January 1, 2005, providing funding for expansion of mental health services in California. MHSA consists of five program components designated by the State: Community Services and Supports, Prevention and Early Intervention, Workforce Education and Training, Innovation, and Capital Facilities and Technological Needs. Pursuant to MHSA and California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5846, county mental health programs are required to design and implement innovative programs and to increase access to and improve the quality of mental health services. Plans for each component were submitted to the State and implemented following Board of Supervisors approval on December 13, 2005 (1).

Mental Health Services Act Innovation Component

The County of San Diego is entering Cycle 4 of the Innovation component of the County's MHSA Plan. Innovation programs are time-limited projects that test promising practices to improve systems of care. The Innovation Program and Expenditure Plan, 2017-18 through 2023-24, includes current programs (Cycle 3) with an evaluation component, previously approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 28, 2014 (9), and proposals for five new projects to be implemented during Fiscal Years 2017-18 through 2023-24, all within the scope of available funding. The proposals have been considered by stakeholders through community engagement forums and the required 30-day public review period. As mandated by MHSA, the Innovation programs, including changes to previously approved programs, require review and approval by the Board of Supervisors before being submitted to the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). MHSOAC is required by statute to review and approve the Innovation projects before a county can begin implementation.

California Mental Health Services Authority

The California Mental Health Service Authority (CalMHSA), a joint-powers authority (JPA), was established to expedite implementation and administration of statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) projects funded under MHSA. On January 25, 2011 (8), the Board authorized San Diego County's membership in CalMHSA through a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA) in order to jointly develop statewide or regional mental health projects with other counties (Phase I). To maintain successful PEI projects, CalMHSA is requesting that participating counties continue supporting statewide PEI activities, including a three-year commitment to secure outside funding to fully implement Phase III of a statewide "Forging California's Culture of Mental Wellness" campaign.

Approval of this item's recommended action authorizes new procurements and contract amendments to expand and extend MHSA Innovation programs and evaluation for mental health services to children and youth, transition age youth (TAY), adults, and older adults; and authorizes payment to CalMHSA to support fund-development for the statewide PEI campaign. These actions support the County's adopted *Live Well San Diego* vision by enhancing access to services, promoting health and well-being in children, adults and families, and encouraging self-sufficiency.

It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that the Board support the recommendations to: accept and approve the proposed MHSA Innovation and Program and Expenditure Plan, 2017-18 through 2023-24 and submit the proposals to MHSOAC for approval; authorize issuance of competitive solicitations for new services; authorize amendments to existing contracts to extend and expand existing services; and authorize payments to CalMHSA to support fund-development for the statewide PEI campaign.